

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2007-61-S**

**WOODLAND UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICE**

Woodland Utilities, Inc. (Woodland or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of sewer service. Woodland is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2006), providing sewer service to the public for compensation in Lexington County, South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 1991-237-S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2006) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A (Supp. 2006), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly sewer service charges.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's sewer rates, Woodland asserts, among other things, that the proposed sewer rate increase is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also alleges that the proposed sewer rate increase is necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to promote continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to continue providing reliable and high quality services.

**THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW**  
**(The complete application is available from the Company at the address below and on the**  
**Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).)**

**SEWER**

**Monthly Charges**

	<b><u>Present Rates</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Rates</u></b>
Residential - charge per single-family house:	\$15.00 per unit	\$31.50 per unit
Apartment:	\$15.00 per unit	\$31.50 per unit
Schools (with Cafeteria, no gym, no showers):	\$ 1.07 per person*	\$2.46 per person*

\* Based upon SCDHEC's guidelines for unit contributory loadings to wastewater treatment facilities.

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A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Woodland's Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in the hearing, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **March 28, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2007-61-S.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before **March 28, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2007-61-S.***

**Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers should notify, in writing,** the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A. at Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 **on or before April 16, 2007. Please refer to Docket No. 2007-61-S.**

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **March 28, 2007. Please refer to Docket No. 2007-61-S.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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